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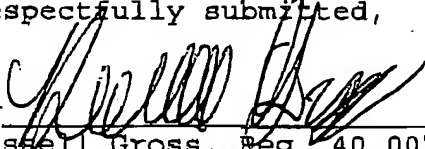
Claims 14-24 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-13 have been cancelled.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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